

**WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 4, 2007**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Peter Fox, Public Member, Chairperson  
Marilyn Carothers, RDH  
Judy Morrison, RDH  
Amber Riley-Burns, RDH

**STAFF PRESENT:** Vicki Brown, Program Manager  
Joy King, Executive Director  
Sandra Adix, Assistant Attorney General

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Colleen Gaylord, RDH, Washington State Dental Hygienists' Association (WSDHA)  
Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist for WSDHA  
David Hemion, Assistant Executive Director – Washington State Dental Association (WSDA)

The Dental Hygiene Examining Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 4, 2007 at The Heathman Lodge, Presidential Suite, 7801 N.E. Greenwood Drive, Vancouver, WA 98662.

**OPEN SESSION – 9:00 a.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Peter Fox, Public Member, Chairperson.

**1.1 Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**1.2 Approval of February 9, 2007 meeting minutes**

The minutes from February 9, 2007 were approved as presented.

**2. FOLLOW UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**2.1 Education requirements for licensure applicants**

A hearing will be held in August. The CR – 102 is currently in the process of being filed. Joy King asked why we had to have a date in the rule. Sandra Adix, AAG, explained that if

there was not an end date it would be an illegal delegation of authority. It was decided that the ending month will be changed to June 2007.

2.2 American Dental Hygiene Licensing Examination (ADHLEX)

The committee asked staff to send a follow up letter to ADHLEX to ask about the questions used on the examination.

2.3 Request to observe the North East Regional Board (NERB) clinical dental hygiene exam.

The committee will decide if a member will be sent to observe the NERB clinical examination. Committee members directed staff to obtain the clinical examination dates from NERB and forward to Judy Morrison for discussion at the next meeting.

2.4 Update on continuing education

Ms. King explained the previous method in which continuing education (CE) audits were conducted. She also explained that the Department has started performing CE audits again. Only 2% will be audited on a random basis. The licensee will receive a letter explaining they have been randomly selected to be audited for CE. Sandra Adix, AAG asked if the Department had considered requiring licensees provide proof of their CE prior to their renewal. Colleen Gaylord of the Washington State Dental Hygienists' Association (WSDHA) told the board of an individual who was audited for CE and in addition to their current CPR card, the Department requested to see the prior three years of CPR cards.

2.5 Re-examination and remediation rule proposals

The dental rules do not contain any re-examination or remediation rules. The Department does not have authority over an individual that has not applied for a license. Candidates only have to provide a copy of their passing scores. Sandra Adix, AAG suggested if there was a concern over the administration by a regional exam agency, the committee could send a letter asking them to consider establishing a policy on re-examination and remediation. Ms. Riley – Burns will contact CRDTS regarding developing a re-examination and remediation policy and will report back to the committee at the next meeting.

**3. UPDATE ON THE WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE SURVEY**

The committee reviewed and made minor changes to the regional testing agency and state board survey. The survey will provide data to help determine those states that are considered to have substantively equivalent licensing standards. The committee directed staff to e-mail the survey to committee members once the minor changes had been made. Committee members will test the survey by completing it and will e-mail any comments to staff.

**4. UPDATE ON THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS WORK FORCE SURVEY FOR DENTALHYGIENISTS**

The committee reviewed a copy of the Health Professions Work Force Survey for Dental Hygienists that were mailed to all licensed Dental Hygienists on March 21, 2007. Ms. Brown encouraged everyone to complete the survey. Department staff was asked to re-send the survey to committee members Ms. Morrison, Ms. Carothers, and Ms. Riley – Burns with the access codes so they can review and report their findings at the next meeting.

**5. CITIZEN ADVOCACY CENTER (CAC)**

The committee received information on the Citizen Advocacy Center (CAC) conference being held on October 29 – 31, 2007 in Seattle, WA. Ms. King briefed the committee on CAC and stated that all four committee members could attend if they wanted to. The only member available to attend was Ms. Carothers and she declined. Ms. King will share any information she obtains with the committee.

**6. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**6.1 Budget and Charts**

Ms. Brown presented the committee with handouts detailing the budget from February 1, 2007 through April 30, 2007. Ms. King stated their budget was fine but she did have concerns with the revenue spikes and the spikes associated with the AAG and attorney charges.

**6.2 Licensing and Disciplinary Statistics**

Ms. Brown briefed the committee on the latest statistics for licensing and disciplinary. Ms. Riley-Burns stated that these statistics usually are in the newsletter she receives from the Department.

**6.3 Other**

There was no other business discussed.

**7. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF 2007 LEGISLATION**

The committee discussed the 2007 legislation that had passed and started the planning process for developing rules to implement the legislation. Two committee members will work with Vicki Brown on rules.

For the past year both the Alliance of Dental Hygiene Practitioners and the WSDHA have been working with the Department's Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Oral Health Program. It will be necessary to determine how many Dental Hygienists currently working in nursing homes are planning to work in senior centers and schools using the Written Practice Plan Agreement when it is implemented. The committee and staff had several questions that will need to be addressed and resolved prior to the July 22, 2007 implementation of SHB 1298 and the Written Practice Plan Agreement.

#### **8. CONSENT AGENDA – CORRESPONDENCE**

- 8.1 Letter from Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) regarding the 2007 examination season
- 8.2 Letter from WREB regarding the July Board of Directors. Dental and Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee meetings
- 8.3 Letter from WREB regarding innovations and rationale about testing of crown preparations.

#### **9. OTHER OPEN SESSION BUSINESS – (For discussion only)**

Joy King presented information on Professional Background Information Services (PBIS.) Ms. King explained that PBIS does not receive any information/documents that the Department does not already receive.

Charlene Meagher submitted her name as a WREB examiner.

Ms. King informed the committee that a different Program Manager may be taking over DHEC due to new professions/programs in Section 3.

#### **10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – no handout**

Rules for expanded functions – education  
Rules for Enrolled Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1298  
American Dental Hygiene Licensing Examination (ADHLEX)  
North East Regional Board (NERB) clinical dental hygiene exam  
Re-examination and remediation rule proposals  
Washington State Dental Hygiene Examining Committee survey  
Health professions work force survey for Dental Hygienists

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m. on Friday, May 4, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Vicki Brown

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Program Manager

Approved By:

Peter B. Fox

Peter Fox, Chairperson, Public Member

